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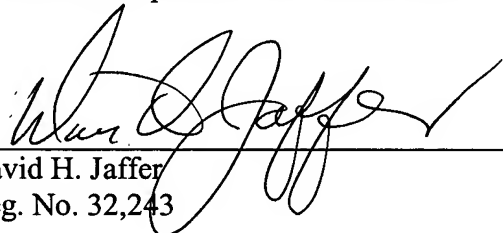
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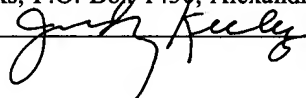
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4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and For Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
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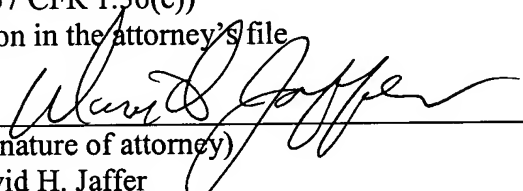
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